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CANDLELIGHT DINNER TO HONOR FRANKLIN'S BIRTHDAY; JOHN PLATT WILL SPEAK ON "B. FRANKLIN AT HOME"

Once again, the Society has had the good fortune to secure as a speaker at our Candlelight Dinner a distinguished member of the staff of the Independence National Historical Park.

Dr. John D. R. Platt, now Senior Historian at the national headquarters in Washington, D. C., was from 1958 to 1967 on the staff of the restoration program of the Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia.

Recently on a leave of absence from the Park he completed a biographical study of Jeremiah Wordsworth, Connecticut Federalist, and is now compiling a new history of Philadelphia.

One of the projected undertakings of the Independence Historical Park is the restoration of the Philadelphia home of Benjamin Franklin and his wife, Deborah, on the site now known as Orianna Street which runs north and south between Market and Chestnut, and Third and Fourth Streets. During Franklin's time the location was known as Franklin's Court, Franklin's printing shop was located nearby.

As the nation celebrated the 261th anniversary of Franklin's birth on January 6, 1706 (January 17, new style), Dr. Platt chose as his subject, "B. Franklin at Home."

A glimpse of that home on Orianna Street as it will look when restored was

CANDLELIGHT DINNER

DATE: Tuesday, February 24

TIME: 6:15 P. M.

PLACE: Tavistock Country Club

RESERVATIONS:

Mail check (\$6.75 per person), payable to Historical Society of Haddonfield, to Mrs. John S. Wood, Jr., 535 Narberth Ave., Haddonfield. Phone: 429-8586.

Reservations must be received no later than February 21. Tickets will not be issued. Reservations will be held for you.

seen by Society members in a color slide presentation at our February '67 meeting by Dr. John L. Cotter of the National Park Service.

Franklin did play a role in New Jersey's colonial history. He was made agent for New Jersey in 1769 representing that colony and Georgia and Massachusetts in England, particularly to petition the King to resume the government from the hands of the proprietors.

Benjamin Franklin's natural son, born in 1730, was the last royal governor of

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SOCIETY VOTES IN FAVOR OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION LAW

We are pleased to announce that the poll taken of Society members as to whether or not they favor the enactment of an historic preservation ordinance for the borough of Haddonfield which would establish an historic district and preserve the more than 100 historic or architecturally important structures within it, resulted in overwhelming approval of such an ordinance.

Based upon this approval, as recommended in a vote by members taken at our July, 1969 meeting, the Society sent to the borough Commissioners on December 5 the following letter in support of the ordinance now being reviewed by the Haddonfield Planning Board:

"At the summer meeting of the Historical Society of Haddonfield, July 26, 1969, the consideration and validity of an Historic Preservation Ordinance was instigated for discussion. The sense of the meeting was affirmed in entirety by a showing of hands favoring such an ordinance.

"It was further suggested that this ordinance carrying such a high degree of importance, be presented at the Annual Meeting. Also, that a ballot be included in the Society's Bulletin reaching its 532 members, to determine their prevalence of thought.

"At this Annual Meeting of November 25th, 1969, the motion was made and unanimously passed: That the Commissioners of the Borough of Haddonfield be earnestly requested to thoughtfully steer their concentration toward the intrinsic, potential value an Historic Preservation Ordinance would create.

"A large return of the ballots from the Bulletin have all been cast in the affirmative.

"The Historical Society feels strongly that you will search every aspect that the ordinance shall make possible, and

in so doing, realize as so many areas in our country have profitably learned, that such an enforcement can bring not only inherent charm to be enhanced, but accrued values in diversified facets that shall widely enrich our citizens and posterity. The Society is eager to cooperate in every manner with you, our chosen Commissioners, to retain the beauty that strongly beckons desirable, appreciative families to choose Haddonfield as their choice for future living."

Sincerely yours,

Louis H. Goettelmann, President
Elinor J. Jennings, Corresponding Secy.

INTEREST SPURRED TO RESTORE HADDONFIELD HISTORIC HOUSES

The Candlelight Tours of our Historical Society and the efforts of the Haddonfield Preservation Society which have focused attention and promoted interest in the many historic and architecturally significant homes and structures here are bearing compound interest.

More young people are buying our old houses and embarking on the exciting journey of restoration. The latest recruit is Mr. Christopher Glennon who has begun a ten year restoration project for his home at 33 Colonial Avenue.

Even more encouraging is Mr. Glennon's effort to make the restoration an authentic one. He will make an intensive study of the history of the house, its original owners and physical changes that have been made through the years. In this scholarly effort he has requested the aid of our members who may recall or have any photographs of the house in earlier times when it stood on King's Highway.

Mr. Glennon believes the house was moved in 1815 to its present location on Colonial Avenue. It was the home of Dr. Hendry, built in 1795.

WOMAN'S COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES NEW NAME FOR FLEA MARKET

What's in a name? Plenty . . . say the members of the Society's Woman's Committee who voted unanimously at their first meeting to change the name of the annual Flea Market to "Haddonfield Historic Village Fair and Auction."

The Flea Market, one of the most popular events of the Historical Society's calendar, owes its enterprise, development and fund-raising success to the ingenuity and effort of the Woman's Committee. So much so, that it is no longer a mere "Flea Market" and deserves its new, more impressive name.

Reports Pat Lennon, Chairman of the Committee, "The new name was selected to reflect both the character of Haddonfield and the nature of the event. What lifts the Historic Village Fair above the many Flea Markets which appear with the warm weather is the overall quality of its offerings. There are the penny ante items, to be sure, but there is also a remarkable selection of useful, or beautiful, or collector-quality articles for bidding and buying.

"With very few exceptions, all the items for sale at the Historic Village Fair have been donated by members of the Society and their friends. Profits from the Fair are being used and will be used to support the immediate and long-range needs of the Society.

"The Woman's Committee has just one favor to ask: before throwing anything away or giving it away, please think first of the "Historic Village Fair." New, nearly new or antique glass and china, small furnishings, lamps, prints are especially welcome for the Auction, but almost anything from baskets to tools, yes, even a wheelbarrow, find a ready market at the Historic Village Fair."

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New Jersey, appointed in 1763. After the American Revolution started, he sided with the Loyalists and quarreled bitterly with his father. The New Jersey congress ordered his arrest in 1776 and he was imprisoned in Connecticut until he was exchanged in 1778. In 1782 he went to England never to return. Two years later he was reconciled with his father.

HOSTESS, LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GREENFIELD HALL

The sign under the front door bell of Greenfield Hall reads that the Library is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 4:30 P. M. When the sign was posted there were volunteers at work in the library and at least one hostess to take visitors through the building.

Today, due to illness, change of address and press of family obligations, library and hostess volunteers have been reduced to a far smaller number than needed to fulfill the promise of the sign.

Library volunteers, working under the guidance of Gertrude Hess, have accomplished much in the past few years. Manuscripts have been checked, numbered, put into new jackets; pamphlets have been sorted and classified according to subject; the card catalog is being revised; leather-bound volumes have been oiled; Society bookplates have been placed in new and old books; a picture collection has been started; and several other activities—all designed to make the Society's reference sources quickly available are in progress.

Now more volunteers are urgently needed. "Library experience is not required, just an interest in helping the Society even one afternoon a month," says Mrs. Hess. "We hold Library Workshops regularly to instruct volunteers on the jobs to be done and with the Library itself."

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